Gallatin Empire Recreation Area Bozeman, Mont.

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GALLATIN WAY TO YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Sportsmen's Paradise

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MONTANA ELK

Big game hunting in the Gallatin Empire is the favorite sport for sportsmen from all parts of the nation. Many deer, elk, moose, black, brown and Grizzly bears are taken. Gallatin county for the last two years has been opened for moose hunting for the first time in 15 years and is the only area in Montana granted that privilege.

The Gallatin Empire offers 3,000 miles of the finest of fishing streams. The high altitude and clear cold streams produce fighting species such as Rainbow, Cutthroat or Native Grayling, Dolly Varden, Loch Leven trout and Mountain whitefish. Golden trout are found only in the Gallatin Empire.

In the mountains, east and west of the Gallatin, are scores of lakes. Among them are Golden Trout, Buffalo Horn, Deer, Spanish Peaks and Hilgard lakes. Lakes in the West Yellowstone and Madison river areas are Hebgen, Wade, Cliff and Henry's. Yellowstone, Lewis and Shoshone lakes in Yellowstone National Park are favorites with many fishermen. Lake trout of 20 pounds are frequently caught.

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Playland of the West

The Lewis and Clark Cavern State Park is 48 miles west of Bozeman on U. S. 10 South. The cave is reached by a good road three miles long which leaves the highway at a well marked junction. At the parking area there is a lodge where meals and refreshments are served. An escalator and elevator are provided to make the trip through the cave as easy and enjoyable as possible. Conducted tours are held every half hour through the indirect-lighted, scenic, safe and easy underground passages. In the cool reaches of the Cavern are brilliantly colored stalagmites, stalactities, flowstone, helectites, crystalline gypsum and clurterites.

Where the Gallatin, Madison and Jefferson rivers form the Missouri River, Indian and white men's history seem to flow together. Here the little Shoshone squaw, Sacajawea, proved invaluable to the famous Lewis and Clark expedition. In July, 1805, she pointed out the Jefferson River to the explorers as the right fork to follow east. She knew, because here she had been captured as a child by raiding Minatarees and borne off to the East. Here, too, John Colter, first white man to explore Yellowstone Park, outfoxed his Indian captors in 1808. Naked and unarmed he ran the gauntlet for six miles across a prickly pear cactus flat to dive into the Jefferson river and hide under some driftwood. Darkness cheated the howling Redskins of their prey and he made his way in seven days to his Fort Lisa headquarters some 230 miles away.

LEWIS AND CLARK CAVERN

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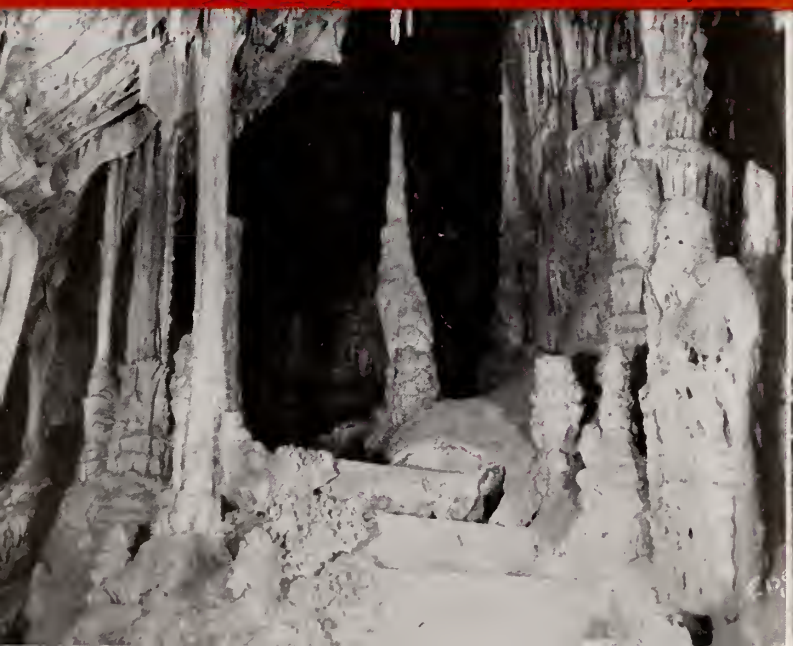

HEADWATERS OF THE MISSOURI

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A CANYON CABIN

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PRIMITIVE AREA

The Gallatin Empire is a nationally known Dude ranch country. These ranches are located in rugged mountain, fishing and hunting country far removed from cities. A complete western vacation with home-cooked food and pack trips into the primitive areas are included in the ranch plans. Other ranch activities are hunting, fishing, hiking, swimming, skeet shooting, evening entertainment or just relaxing in the invigorating mountain atmosphere. The nights are always cool, so restful sleeping is assured. Ranches can be found to please the most luxurious taste or the most modest purse. For your convenience the Bozeman Chamber of Commerce has a prepared list of ranches in the Gallatin Empire which you may have for the asking.

The trail of the Vigilantes cuts across Gallatin county. A short trip by motor and you are in Virginia City, second capital of Montana territory, with its picturesque buildings that reek of the '60's and its famous Boot Hill where are buried the highwaymen of gold rush days. Two museums and Montana's first newspaper plant can keep the vacationist busy for hours in glimpsing historic relics of the past, when the stagecoach was the only connecting link of this region to the East.

A short trip away from Gallatin Canyon is the famous Lewis Clark caves, facing the Jefferson river, on which Captain Clark made his return journey from his Pacific coast explorations in 1805. The caves are a state park now connected by excellent roads and with a chalet at the end of the trip where a fire always blazes on the hearth and where unforgettable views of a score of mountain ranges can be secured.

Days are warm; nights are cool; the very air is healing. Here in Gallatin county you will find that vacation and relaxation you always dreamt about. People are friendly, everything is informal. One visit and you'll be coming back each year.

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Winter Sports

For Autumn sports, there is nothing to compare with famous Gallatin Country recognized by sportsmen as the last big game stronghold left in the United States, especially for elk, the sunny Indian summer days of October finds the knowing sportsmen from the East going to his favorite ranch in Gallatin Canyon for a several days vacation and hunting trip. A one-day trip for elk, deer, moose or bear or a pack-train trip to the upper reaches of the famous Spanish Peaks, with mountain horses that are sure-footed and trail-wise — it makes little difference. Both will bring unforgetable memories.

To be sure, Montana is gorgeous in the fall but to many an old-timer there is nothing like the Gallatin range of mountains in the winter. Ski enthusiasts of the East are already discovering this fact and in a few miles journey from Bozeman can be found Bear Canyon chalet at the foot of powder dry snow slopes where ski tows aid the sports enthusiast who glories in Montana's winter in the Gallatin range. At West Yellowstone, is the Lion Head ski slide with comfortable chalets and cabins and warming fires for those who delight in the snow covered forest primeval.

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Scenic Grandeur

Two huge primitive areas have been set aside in the Gallatin National Forest to be preserved in their natural state for the people of this nation. They are the Spanish Peaks and Hilgard, each 5,000 square miles. They are to remain untouched by men as a symbol of the great western frontiers when explored by such historical figures as Lewis and Clark John Colter and John Bozeman. These areas can be reached only on foot or horseback Fishing is unbeatable and the scenery unsurpassed.

The petrified forest, extending 75 miles through the Gallatin range 60 miles south of Bozeman, is said to have the only upright species of the Sequoia or Redwood trees. This is confirmation that Montana at one time was a tropical oceanic area.

Visitors can eat a leisurely breakfast in Bozeman, drive through the scenic Gallatin canyon, see Old Faithful of Yellowstone National Park, then eat dinner in Bozeman that night.

PETRIFIED FOREST

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PACK TRAIN IN TAYLOR PEAKS

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OLD FAITHFUL

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